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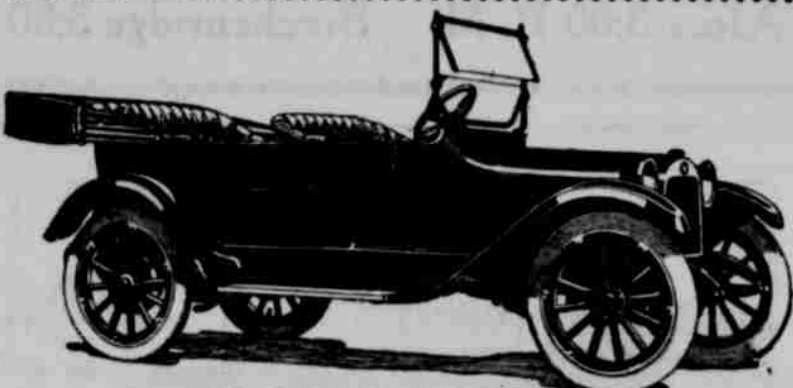
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## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Leitch motored to Lansing, Wednesday.  
H. M. Page and E. H. Doane were in Saginaw, Wednesday, on business.  
Miss Bertha McLaren left for Detroit and Cedar Point, Ohio, today.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Glass and family are spending the week at Bass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodes and family are spending the week at Crystal Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Will Sullivan were in Remus, Sunday.

E. S. Ruggles of Ware, Mass., is visiting at the home of his son, F. W. Ruggles.

Clarence Miller is in Detroit today on business connected with the Idlehour Theater.

Dr. W. H. Mason is one of the lecturers on a rural chautauqua at Twining this week.

President H. M. Crooks is one of the speakers at the rural chautauqua at Twining, this week.

Miss Annette McLaren returned on Tuesday from a trip on the lakes and a visit in Detroit and Newark, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hubbard leave Friday for a two weeks visit with relatives and friends at LaPeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rockwell have been enjoying a motor trip through the southern part of the state the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bistline are home after a two weeks vacation spent with Mr. and Mrs. Shepard at their cottage near Cadillac.

W. J. Stearns of Evergreen, Republican candidate for representative in the state legislature, was in the city, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stuckey, who have been visiting near Sheridan, returned to their home in this city the first of the week.

Dr. Gardiner, the eye specialist, will be at Brainerd's Hospital, Friday, Aug. 25. Make appointments with Dr. Brainerd.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard returned Tuesday from Cadillac where they have been spending the last two weeks in their cottage near that city.

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If you are interested in buying or selling real estate, it will pay you to see V. H. Shepard at 318 Woodworth Avenue or call him on either telephone.

St. Louis Community Chautauqua opened yesterday afternoon and will continue for five days. Several Alma people are planning on attending some of the programs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chadwick were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chadwick, Sunday. Mrs. Chadwick and little daughter will remain for a few days this week.

C. B. George of Detroit, representing the Lewis Manf. Co. of Bay City, is at the Wright House, this week, looking into the house proposition in Alma. Read his ad in another column.

Mrs. Ely Brewaker has sold her property on Gratiot Avenue to Henry Kingsbury. Mrs. Brewaker and her son, William, will make their home in Ann Arbor this winter and will leave for that city in a few weeks.

Lytle Follett, who is employed at Charles Murphy's Drug Store, left the first of the week for Rochester, New York, where he will remain for ten days, taking a course in printing at the Eastman Kodak Company.

Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. Henry Miner left for Grand Rapids, Chicago and Cleveland, Wednesday morning, where they will call on millinery establishments in those cities and purchase stock for their new millinery store in Alma. They will also secure the services of a trimmer while away.

Sunday at Crystal was the biggest day yet. It would be impossible to state the number of people who resorted at this popular place on that day, but an estimate can be made when it is known that 500 cars parked along the beach and streets. Several machine loads went over from this city.

## WHITE REUNION

Annual Gathering of Family Held Thursday Near Forest Hill

The annual reunion of the White family was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frisbie, one mile north of Forest Hill, Thursday afternoon. Representatives of the family from all over the country were present. At noon sixty-two sat down to a sumptuous feast. Following the dinner all the family gathered on the beautiful lawn in front of the home and listened to a short program of music and talks by different members. Late in the afternoon the annual watermelon feast was indulged in and a photograph taken of the family. The members of the family present from away were: Mrs. A. L. Springer and Miss Elizabeth Springer of Detroit, Mrs. H. Buck and children of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carbridge and son, Dale, of Belding, Mrs. W. E. Sandall of Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Roy McGregor and children of Flint, Mrs. John Gerber and sons, Russell and Donald, of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. H. Eckert and son, Leo, and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. White of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tubbs and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rice and Mrs. A. J. Murphy and children of Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. White, Mr. Herschel White, Mrs. H. L. White and children, Mrs. C. N. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hawley and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sprague of Alma.

The place for the reunion in 1917 was not decided upon.

## ENTIRE CROP DESTROYED

Fire of unknown origin destroyed two large barns on the L. M. Sweet farm north of Merrill, Sunday night. Besides the barns Mr. Sweet lost a driving horse, 250 bushels of old wheat, 250 bushels of oats, 65 tons of hay, this year's wheat crop and several farm machines. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

## LABORERS PLentiful

Contractors in City are Turning Men Away Daily

The labor problem which was so serious early in the summer and was practically the cause of the lack of houses in the city has completely solved itself. There are more carpenters and working men in the city today than ever before and they are fairly begging and crying for work. Last week one contractor turned fifty men away from his office because he had no place to put them to work.

Early in the summer the house problem was uppermost in the minds of citizens of Alma and at that time there was no labor that was suitable for the erection of new houses. As the summer months have progressed and with the gradual closing of the harvest season there has commenced a run of laborers back into the city. The situation has completely changed from what it was two months ago and today the supply is far greater than the demand.

All during the summer there has been a cry throughout the city that labor was at a premium, and so complete has this rumor worked its way into the minds of the people that house building has almost come to a standstill. Contractors in the city are doing all in their power to rectify this wrong idea regarding the labor situation and thus far have found that many parties were not building because they were of the opinion that they would have to employ inexperienced help.

Reports from all supply houses in the city show that as far as building material is concerned there is no want and the future indicates no shut-down in the amount daily coming. For the fall demand the various companies are laying in supplies of materials which indicates what fall building prospects are good.

Alma needs houses more than ever. The new plant for the half-ton Republic truck is under construction and will employ several hundred men as soon as completed. With an abundance of laborers and no let up on building material the time to build your houses is here.

## REPUBLIC IN ALASKA

Letter From H. U. Woodin Tells Pleasure of Meeting One

The following letter from Hiram U. Woodin, a former resident of Alma, to the Republic Motor Truck Company will be interesting to every citizen and especially to the pioneers.

Fairbanks, Alaska, July 31, 1916  
Republic Motor Truck Co.,  
Alma, Michigan.

Gentlemen:—

The writer hereof was agreeably surprised and well pleased today to meet on the streets of this city that almost looked like an old friend. It was nothing more or less than "Motor Truck No. F. 910" manufactured by your company. Having been born on a farm one and one half miles east of your city my meeting aforesaid truck will explain to you the familiar look of the truck or at least the place of its birth. Will add that the machine is being used by the E. R. Peoples Co., Inc., general merchants of this city for a delivery express, and doing their freighting from the wharves to their place of business, and giving to their place of business A1 satisfaction.

Having left Michigan 27 years ago and having but paid one visit "back home" (in 1900), anything or anyone from Old Gratiot looks good to a fellow alone in these parts. Today as many other hot July days that I have spent in the north always puts me in mind of thirty summers spent in your vicinity. Therefore to-day have had a double reminder of "home, sweet, sweet home."

I first came to Alaska 20 years ago, then spent three years in the Klondike and have been here more than two years. The balance of the time was spent in Seattle. Should John Schwartz, the Montpelier, Yerringtons or any other of the old timers be connected with your company in any capacity give them my regards, and if not engaged, please remember me to them just the same.

With best wishes for your future success, I am,

Very respectfully,

Hiram U. Woodin

P. S.—Art and Ed Meyer also send their regards and in fact to Alma, Gratiot county and Michigan.

## HAMMEL-HAMILTON

Miss Nell Hamilton and Mr. Howard Hammel were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Parish House of the Catholic church the Rev. Father Mulvey officiating. Miss Hamilton was attended by her sister, Miss Blanch Hamilton. Mr. Paul Cash acted as best man. Only the members of the families and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of pink crepe de chene trimmed in real lace. Following the ceremony at the parish house a luncheon was served by Mrs. Ella Lyon at her home on State Street. The home was beautifully decorated with roses and sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. Hammel left for a few days at Crystal Lake.

## RHINES-BREECE

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breece on Elwell street, Saturday at 11:30 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Margate Elizabeth Breece, was united in marriage to Mr. Raymond L. Rhines by the Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. After the wedding dinner Mr. and Mrs. Rhines left on the 1:30 train for Denver, Colorado, and other western points where they will visit for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Rhines will make their home in Alma.

## NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Superintendent A. F. Schultz and Principal A. C. Luchtman will be at the high school building, Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2, to enroll and classify high school students.

## TUBERCULOSIS WORK

Counties Awakening to Needs and Building Sanatoriums

The State Board of Health in its statewide tuberculosis survey is succeeding in arousing the people of many communities to the necessity of taking community action to prevent the disease. This is indicated by reports received during the past few days from various parts of Michigan.

The counties of Wexford, Kalkaska and Osceola are making plans to erect a tuberculosis sanatorium large enough to accommodate the patients of the three counties. One of these counties, Wexford, was the first one visited in the State Board of Health's survey a year ago, and the work done there is bearing fruit.

St. Clair county, visited about five months ago, is also taking steps for the erection of a sanatorium. At the present session of the board of supervisors a proposal is up for the erection of a \$15,000 building at Beard's Hill, not far from the city of Port Huron. Port Huron also has provided an open-air school since the State Board of Health survey as held there. Keweenaw county is another county that is building a sanatorium.

In Traverse City, where a survey was held last December, the organization of a full-time health department has been completed, and a few days ago the announcement was made that the department is now on a permanent basis. Traverse City is one of the smallest cities in the state that have a service of that kind, and its equipment is very complete.

The report comes from Houghton county, where a State Board of Health survey has just been completed, that as a result of the survey there have been such an unusually large number of applications for admission to the county sanatorium that it has become hard to accommodate all who apply.

It is community action of this kind that the State Board of Health is trying hard to encourage, because action like this makes for permanent results which will continue to save lives years after the present survey has closed.

## FARMERS' CLUB PICNIC

The Arcadia Farmers' Club will meet at Wright Park, Alma, Tuesday, August 31, for an all day picnic. The program will be as follows:

Song by Club  
Prayer by Rev. Priest of the Baptist church.

Roll Call  
Minutes of the last meeting

Music By Miss Bertha Waber and Miss Laura Amsbury

Recitation ..... Miss Frances Priest  
Reading ..... Mrs. Grove Peck  
Music ..... Hira C. Moore

Reading ..... Edgar Anderson  
Music ..... Mrs. George Eldson

It is expected that Edgar Burke of St. Johns will be present and give a talk on general farming.

Committee: Mrs. Udell, Mrs. Irish, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Burton.

## MRS. HENRY KINTER

Mrs. Henry Kinter of Shepherd died at Brainerd Hospital, Tuesday morning, following an operation. Mrs. Kinter underwent the operation nicely, but was unable to stand the intense weather. She was sixty-five years old and had lived in this vicinity the greater part of her life.

## AUCTION SALE

Dr. E. A. Bagley has announced an auction sale at his residence Saturday afternoon. The sale will begin at 5 o'clock.

## CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Stewart Crandell of Hornell, New York, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. The topic for the young peoples' meeting will be "Jesus' Command and the Spirit of Jesus." Miss Mabel Bellows will lead. Thursday prayer meeting as usual.

The regular service of the day will be observed at the Methodist church, Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, will occupy the pulpit in the morning. At the evening service Rev. Charles E. Davis will preach. The leader of the Epworth League will be Mr. Blaine Curtis. Thursday prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

The union services of the churches of the city will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. O. E. Long, pastor of the Disciple church will have charge of the service.

Next Sabbath morning at 10:00 o'clock the morning hour of worship Mr. Beshgetoor will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church. The theme for the sermon is "The Greatest Powers Prove Helpless." The Sabbath school meets directly at the close. All having no regular church home are cordially invited to worship with us. The first Sunday in September the pastor Rev. W. H. Mason, expects to occupy the pulpit.

"The Misuse of Great Gifts" will be the subject of the sermon next Sunday morning by Rev. J. Frank Jackson at St. John's church. The regular Sunday school session will be held immediately following the morning prayer service.

## WILL VISIT ALMA

Hon. G. J. Diekema, candidate for governor, who appears to be in the lead at present accompanied by Mayor G. P. Tilma, of Grand Rapids, will make an automobile trip through Gratiot County, Saturday, Aug. 26. Will speak at Ithaca at 1:30, at Alma 3:00, St. Louis 4:00 and Breckenridge at 5:30. Don't fail to hear him on the Wright House corners at 3:00.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged Dr. S. C. Gardiner of Mt. Pleasant, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refraction work, to spend one day at least, each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services. His first visit will be on Friday, August 25th. I. N. Brainerd

## SUGAR COMPANY PICNIC

The annual get-together picnic of the Michigan Sugar Company will be held at Bay Port Saturday. The entire list of employees of the local plant of the company will attend. This year's celebration will be the grandest and biggest that the company has ever given its employees.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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The story of a disappointed young man whose father sent him West to make something of himself. The story of his reformation provides abundant comedy, as well as some very sensational episodes. The dynamiting of a great dam and the flood resulting therefrom is one of the most remarkable scenes ever filmed. Mr. Barrymore will be remembered for his clever work in "The Dictator" seen at the Idlehour recently.

Saturday, Aug. 26th

Matinee 2:45

Evening 7:15

The Triangle Film Corporation presents  
**DUSTIN FARNUM**

in

"The Iron Strain"

in six acts

This play is said to be beyond question. THE GREATEST work ever put on the screen by this gifted actor. It is filled with tense and gripping moments, and may safely be depended upon to satisfy the most exacting "fan," also

**CHAS. MURRAY**

in a Two-Act Keystone Comedy

"A Game Old Knight"

A scream from start to finish and fully the equal of "My Valet" seen here on the Triangle program last Saturday. The Triangle program cannot be excelled.

8 Reels

Monday, Aug. 28th

Universal Film Company offers a Five-Act Red Feather feature

This is sure to be a play with a "punch."

Tuesday, Aug. 29th

Daniel Frohman presents

**MARY PICKFORD**

in

"Esmeralda"

This is unquestionably one of the best characters ever presented by this gifted and popular little actress. It will be some time before we can obtain another Mary Pickford subject, so don't miss this one.

Wednesday, Aug. 30th

**Special Booking**  
**Watch for it!!**

Thursday, Aug. 31st

Metro Pictures Corporation presents  
**MARGUERITE SNOW**

in

"Rosemary"

This is a story of English life made famous by John Drew. See the most wonderful rescue from a burning barn ever filmed.

**"Always a Good Show at the Idlehour"**